

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2454**

PATENT
5681-69900/SUN030226

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:	10/670,849	§	Examiner:	Joo, Joshua
Filed:	September 25, 2003	§	Group/Art Unit:	2454
Inventor:		§	Atty. Dkt. No:	5681-69900
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Title:	Method and System for	§		
	Processing Instant	§		
	Messenger Operations	§		
	Dependent Upon Presence	§		
	State Information in an	§		
	Instant Messaging System	§		
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted as an amendment accompanying the request for continued examination filed herewith, and to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.